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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE ON WASHINGTON POST STORY ON CTB

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AUGUST 9 NOON PRESS GUIDANCE ON
WASHINGTON POST STORY OF SAME DAY ON CTB CARRIED ON ICA
WIRELESS FILE. ISSUE DID NOT ARISE IN BRIEFING.

BEGIN TEXT:

Q: IS IT TRUE, AS ALLEGED IN THE WASHINGTON POST THIS
MORNING, THAT THE ADMINISTRATION HAS "BACKED AWAY" FROM
ITS SUPPORT FOR AN EARLY CONCLUSION TO THE COMPREHENSIVE
TEST BAN NEGOTIATIONS?

A: NO. THE PRESIDENT REMAINS COMMITTED TO ACHIEVING A
COMPREHENSIVE BAN ON NUCLEAR TESTING. THE UNITED STATES
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CTB DELEGATION'S INSTRUCTIONS ARE TO PROCEED EXPEDITIOUSLY
WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE CURRENT TRILATERAL (US/UK/USSR)
NEGOTIATIONS. THERE IS NO ATTEMPT BEING MADE TO SLOW THE
TALKS DOWN.

Q: BUT DO YOU INTEND TO HOLD BACK FROM SEEKING RATIFICA-
TION UNTIL A SALT II AGREEMENT HAS BEEN RATIFIED?

A: BOTH THE SALT AND CTB TALKS ARE PROCEEDING ON THEIR OWN

MERITS. NEITHER AGREEMENT WILL BE SIGNED UNTIL WE ARE CERTAIN THAT IT ADVANCES THE NATIONAL SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES. BOTH SETS OF NEGOTIATIONS REPRESENT IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF THIS ADMINISTRATION'S STRONG COMMITMENT TO ACHIEVING EFFECTIVE AND VERIFIABLE ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENTS.

Q: WHAT ABOUT CTB DURATION AND PERMITTED TESTING? WHAT IS YOUR POLICY?

A: THESE AND OTHER KEY CTB ISSUES ARE BEING DISCUSSED IN GENEVA, AND IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE TO GO INTO FURTHER DETAIL AT THIS TIME. OUR GOAL CONTINUES TO BE A TREATY THAT WILL BE INSTRUMENTAL IN REDUCING THE DANGEROUS PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

Q: WHAT ABOUT VERIFICATION? IS IT TRUE, AS STATED IN THE ARTICLE, THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE ACCEPTED THE "BLACK BOXES" WHICH YOU WISH TO PLACE ON THEIR TERRITORY?

A: FROM THE START, WE AND THE UK HAVE PRESSED VEY HARD FOR AN EFFECTIVE SET OF MEASURES WHICH WILL ENSURE ADEQUATE VERIFICATION OF A CTB. WE ARE CONTINUING TO DO UNCLASSIFIED

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Q: IS IT TRUE THAT SEVERAL ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS ARE OPPOSED TO THIS AGREEMENT?

A: WE DO NOT AS A MATTER OF POLICY GO INTO THE DETAILS OF INTERNAL NSC DELIBERATIONS. END TEXT.
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